Js The Watergate Whitewash HM 9/13/72

Yesterday's Times story is known to me only from a radio or TV report, the essence of which is that Barker has confessed and will die before implicating anyone else. This is meaningless unless the story adds much, for what's to confess when you are caught? The Times is one of the papers that least critically accepted deceptions fed to it, so I don't think it was journalistic diligence that led to this "confession". I suggest instead that it is part of the news management of the whitewash by which the bigger people are covered up.

There have been several things not in the papers I've seen that were aired. In his 9/10 appearance on I think the CBS talk show Face the Nation, MacGregor twice admitted that the man whose lawyer called him after midnight asking the client's contribution not be disclosed was Dwayne Andreas.

Yesterday's Star, according to an evening newscast on TV, says that the man who ripped the phone off of Martha's California wall is Steve Kane, now Republican chief of security. Martha is given as the source.

Checked TIME. No date given for Pat party at which Andreas was present (ref your quote of Vera Glasser Chron 8/28).

(Agnew's position is interesting. It is contrary to The Real Spiro and looks to 1976. Picture this dirt-disher-upper opposing dirtiness.)

Times 8/30:Thanks but don't bother with clearer Hunt picture. Familiarity haunts, and this makes him look different than DC pictures, but not worth effort or that important. Before this is over there will be clearer pictures here, Interesting that in the ~~building~~ building in which his offices ~~are~~ are and he owns, where Williams had top floor and part of one below, he deposed on 8th floor. Perhaps he's expanded?

These clips do contain minor items not in reporting I've seen. The typed wire copy also. 9/1 Jenaro Perez quote just too much of a coincidence. Unlikely that with Barker and Fiorini in on heist they'd not have film developed and it is probable that excited third man is higher up, like Hunt. That Perez was a clerk there, the way the Cubans work, is all the reason Barker needed to go to the shop.

Hunt's lawyer Bittman calling that grand jury investigation either an investigation or aggressive (AP 9/2) can be interpreted as legitimate pursuit of client's interest but I'd call it part of the whitewash. To date there is no indication this Miami photog was called by it and I have separately noted other obvious things not done and needing doing. Thus the appropriateness of the repeated comparisons with the JFK assassination investigation.

What is also interesting is the uncritical press acceptance and retailing of the inherently incredible. It never stops. UPI (SFExam 9/5) had no trouble with Mitchell saying the White House had no advance knowledge when a WH employee was involved and is about to be indicted.

Thus also Mitchell, a lawyer who knows better, could say "if people act without authority, I have no responsibility." His people who acted were in authority. And this clips don't have it, but he has also claimed to have no control over money. He ran the whole thing, inc. money.

I think the Republican threat of countersuit is knee-jerk reaction predictable under circumstances. There can be no trial until after election, so they are safe and can make mileage because the press is so uncritical. Stans raised the money, violated the law with it, gave it improperly under any circumstances and it was used as it was, so where's the libel? New libel decisions eliminate the possibility anyway. No editorial comment I've seen on this. Or heard.

The Post's story on the confession of the unnamed man involved, however, can be very important, whether (as I believe) or not fed to it. He named those for whom he typed logs of intercepts and in one case made personal delivery to Republican hq. Copied and enclosing. (I do hope it is the paper when this emerges <u>after</u> service call!) Full story may not have been wired or more might have been added to wire because this is late-breaking story, final edition, not early.

Signon summary of NBC Today's news quotes Jack Anderson as attributing "criminal misconduct" to Repub fund-raisers. Now? Big deal even if big deal! He has nothing until after Barker "confesses' and he and his pal, Anderson's source Fiorini, are directly involved in pictures of files. And 35 minutes into the 7 a.m. hour of CBS news they mentioned the House Banking & Currency Committee report on Stans'self-contradiction, the $700,000 collected in Texas and flown to DC two days before new law, of which perhaps $100,000 got to Mexico. ...Barker "confession":signal of coming Gerstein indictment anyway? In DC can't be delayed much longer. Needs one runaway grand-juror demand for witnesses not produced, big shots.